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VIA ECFS

June 14, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**
WC Docket No. 14-58 - ETC Annual Reports and Certifications

Request that Information Submitted to the Commission be Withheld from Public Inspection Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §0.459 and 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4):

Confidential Information – Subject to Protective Order Before the Federal Communications Commission

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the annual reporting requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.313 and §54.422, Filer Mutual Telephone Company-ID (the Company), Study Area Code 472220 is submitting a completed FCC Form 481 to the Commission via its Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) in WC Docket No. 14-58. *The version of the Company's FCC Form 481 submitted via ECFS is a redacted version of the filing that contains no confidential information.*

The Company, by its authorized representative, hereby requests confidential treatment of the attachments to its FCC Form 481: the financial annual report, of which was redacted in the ECFS submission. The request for confidential treatment of the financial annual report is being made pursuant to the FCC's March 22, 2016 *Protective Order* in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58. These attachments contain competitively sensitive data that Filer Mutual Telephone Company-ID maintains as confidential and does not normally make available to the public. Release of this information would have a substantial negative impact on the Company.



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Financial Annual Report

Section 3005 of FCC Form 481 requires a privately-held rate-of-return carrier receiving high cost support to attach a full and complete annual report of the company's financial condition and operations pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2). Filer Mutual Telephone Company-ID seeks confidential treatment of its financial annual report pursuant to the March 22, 2016 *Protective Order* in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58.¹ The *Protective Order* specifically covers information filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2).

Filer Mutual Telephone Company-ID is providing to the Office of the Secretary, under seal, this cover letter and the Form 481 filing which includes the confidential information that is being requested to be withheld from public inspection.

Each page of the financial annual report confidential submission bears the legend, "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION."

The confidential information has also been submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company through its E-File system as attachments to the FCC Form 481.

In the filing submitted via ECFS, all pages containing confidential information bear the legend "REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION."

This cover letter includes no confidential information and the text is the same in both the non-redacted and redacted versions except for the confidentiality markings.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Cowger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

Steven Cowger
General Manager/COO
Filer Mutual Telephone Company-ID

¹ *Connect America Fund, ETC Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58, *Protective Order*, DA 16-296 (rel. Mar. 22, 2016).

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0386/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	2083264331 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	bkraut@filertel.net
Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

Study Area Code
<010>

<015>	Study Area Name
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FILER MUTUAL TEL - ID

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<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data

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2083264331 ext.

<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	bkvaute@ilettel.net
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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages?

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**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
Data Collection Form**

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OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	2083264331 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	bkraut@fildtel.net
<300>	Unfulfilled service request (voice)	0
<310>	Detail on attempts (voice)	
<320>	Unfulfilled service request (broadband)	0
<330>	Detail on attempts (broadband)	

Name of Attached Document

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(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
Data Collection Form

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July 2013

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	2083264331 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	bkraut@filertel.net
<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules

Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	2583264333 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	bkraut#fllterco1.net
<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
472220ID510.pdf		
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481

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 July 2013

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	2043264331 (X)
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rkraut@filperco1.net
<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	472220ID610.pdf

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--- See attached worksheet

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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Filer Mutual Telephone Company
<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable
<812>	Operating Company	Filer Mutual Telephone Company

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	bkraut@fildtel.net
<900>	Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)	No

<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves
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<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation
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Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
Data Collection Form**

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July 2013

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	bkraut@filetel.net

<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

472220ID1010.pdf

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

472220ID1030.pdf

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting		FCC Form 481	
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		July 2013	

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<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	Yes
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<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	
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(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form

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 July 2013

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	bkraut@filertel.net

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <http://filertel.com/services/phone>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒

<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒

<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation
Data Collection Form

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.
- <2022> Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2025A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2025B> Attach geocoded information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

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 Required Information

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(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation
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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(iii)(C)

Name of Attached Document Listing
 Required Information

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	bkraut@filertel.net

Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)		
Yes - Attach Certification			
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	472220ID3010.pdf
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment		
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))	No - No New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:			
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	472220ID3026.pdf

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

- (3027) Revenue
- (3028) Operating Expenses
- (3029) Net Income
- (3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)
- (3031) Total Assets
- (3032) Total Debt
- (3033) Total Equity
- (3034) Dividends

<010>	Study Area Code	472228
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	bkewat@federal.net

4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: FILER MUTUAL TEL -ID	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/02/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Steve Cowger	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: General Manager/COO	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2083264331 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 472220	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	bkraut@filertel.net	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Name of Authorized Agent Employee: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Attachments

Response Line 510
Filer Mutual Telephone Company
Study Area 472220

Voice Network

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Filer Mutual Telephone Company ("Filer") is in compliance with applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. Filer provides CPNI training to all of its new employees and in addition trains all of its existing employees on an annual basis. Filer also conducts subscriber outreach regarding CPNI by placing CPNI explanation onto its website at www.filertel.com which informs subscribers about CPNI rules and other applicable customer rights and obligations. In addition Filer trains staff on Red Flag issues on an annual basis. All company employees are required to sign and acknowledge that they have completed CPNI and Red Flag training and understand obligations to adherence of applicable rules.

Filer also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which Filer offers service in its Local Exchange Price List. The price list explains customer rights and obligations, customer service, dispute resolution, deposits, billing and payment options, disconnection of service as well as cancellation of service options. Filer keeps its Price lists available for public inspection at its business offices.

Service quality standards are set by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission and Filer Mutual meets or exceeds those standards.

Broadband Network

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Filer is in compliance with applicable FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. Filer trains staff on applicable rules for broadband services issues on an annual basis. In addition, Filer has placed on its website at www.filertel.com its network practices and policies regarding FCC's Net Neutrality Rules.

Filer Mutual Telephone provisions its network to provide the speeds that are subscribed by its customers. There are many variables that affect the speed a customer actually experiences that are out of the control of Filer Mutual Telephone. Internet service is a "best effort" service and Filer Mutual Telephone works to provide the customer with the best service possible.

Response Line 610
Filer Mutual Telephone Company
Study Area 472220

Functionality in Emergency Situations:

Voice Network

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6) and 47 C.F.R § 54.422(b)(4) as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2) Filer Mutual Telephone Company ("Filer") meets the requirements to remain functional in emergency situations and has the following capabilities: Back-up power is provided to Filer central offices by use of a generator and batteries that provide it with 8 to 12 hours of emergency power. In addition, Filer field electronics have 8 to 12 hours of back-up power by use of generators and batteries. Filer also has SONET technology deployed in its core fiber optic network that is a self-healing and will automatically reroute traffic should a fiber cut occur. Filer has also sufficient spare cards for its fiber optic network to provide almost instantaneous replacement should there ever be a card failure in the core network. Filer also has proper staff in place to repair any fiber cuts in a timely manner. Filer has connectivity with neighboring telephone exchanges as well as the LATA tandem to provide diverse options to reroute traffic should an emergency arise. Filer has developed and trained its staff on network preparedness plans in case of emergency situations. Filer is prepared and capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations and has sufficient switching capabilities to handle such situations.

Broadband Network

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6) and 47 C.F.R § 54.422(b)(4) as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2) Filer Mutual Telephone Company ("Filer") meets the requirements to remain functional in emergency situations and has the following capabilities: Back-up power is provided to Filer central offices by use of a generator and batteries that provide it with 8 to 12 hours of emergency power that is also used to provide service to the broadband network. In addition, Filer field electronics have 8 to 12 hours of back-up power by use of generators and batteries. Filer also has SONET technology deployed in its core fiber optic network that is a self-healing and will automatically reroute broadband traffic should a fiber cut occur. Filer has also sufficient spare cards for its fiber optic network to provide almost instantaneous replacement should there ever be a card failure in the core network. Filer also has proper staff in place to repair any fiber cuts in a timely manner. Filer has connectivity with neighboring telephone exchanges as well as the LATA tandem to provide diverse options to reroute traffic should an emergency arise. Filer has developed and trained its staff on network preparedness plans in case of emergency situations.

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Response to Line 1010
Filer Mutual Telephone Company-ID
Study Area 472220

Voice Services Comparability Report

As of January 1, 2017, Filer Mutual Telephone's current total local end user rate is \$27.50 (which includes the \$6.50 federal subscriber line charge) is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service of \$49.51 as specified in Public Notice DA 17-167 issued on February 14, 2017.



Response to Line 1030
Filer Mutual Telephone Company
Study Area 472220

Broadband Services Comparability Report

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 (a) (12) Filer Mutual Telephone Company ("Filer") is in compliance with the requirement that broadband service pricing is no more than the applicable benchmark rates for broadband service. Filer currently charges a rate of \$69.95 for 25 Mbps download, 5 Mbps upload, and unlimited usage. This price is below the 2017 reasonable comparability benchmark rate of \$90.76 for the same offering as specified in Public Notice DA 17-167 issued on February 14, 2017.

Response to Line3010
Filer Mutual Telephone Company-ID
Study Area 472220

Certification of Public Interest Obligation

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(1)(i) Filer Mutual Telephone Company ("Filer") provides this certification that it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to offerings in urban areas, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

FILER MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash
Certificates of Deposit
Due from Customers, Less Allowance of \$14,000 and \$12,500
Other Accounts Receivable
Inventories
Prepaid Expenses
Total Current Assets

INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS:

Other Investments
Prefunded Pension Deposit
Total Investments and Other Assets

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

In Service
Plant Under Construction
Total Property, Plant and Equipment
Less Accumulated Depreciation
Net Property, Plant and Equipment

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Current Portion of Long-Term Debt
Accounts Payable
Customer Deposits
Accrued Expenses
Total Current Liabilities

NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Long-Term Debt
Postretirement Benefits
Total Non-Current Liabilities

MEMBERS' EQUITY:

Memberships
Patronage Capital
Other Equity - Scholarship Fund
Non-Patronage Capital
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income
Total Members' Equity

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

FILER MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

OPERATING REVENUES:

Local Network
Network Access
Internet Services
Wireless Broadband
Computer Repair and Managed Services
Lease Revenue
Other Services
Long Distance
Miscellaneous
Wireless Revenue
Uncollectibles, Net
Total Operating Revenues

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Plant, Maintenance and Access
Depreciation
Wireless Broadband
Customer
Corporate
Other Services
Other Taxes
Total Operating Expenses

OPERATING MARGIN

OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES:

Interest and Dividend Income
Income (Loss) in Limited Liability Company
Other
Interest Expense
Redemption of Broadband Tax Credits
Net Other Income and Expenses

NET MARGIN

OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS):

Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Postretirement Benefits
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

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FILER MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS' EQUITY
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

	Member- ships	Patronage Capital	Other Equity Scholarship Fund	Non- Patronage Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total
BALANCE on December 31, 2014						
Net Margin						
Prior Year Margin Allocation						
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)						
Retirement of Patronage Capital						
Transfer of Unclaimed Capital Credits						
Scholarships Paid						
Change in Memberships, Net						
BALANCE on December 31, 2015						
Net Margin						
Additional Prior Year Margin Allocation						
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)						
Retirement of Patronage Capital						
Transfer of Unclaimed Capital Credits						
Scholarships Paid						
Change in Memberships, Net						
BALANCE on December 31, 2016						

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FILER MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Net Margin
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Margin to Net Cash
 Provided By Operating Activities:
 Depreciation
 Amortization of Debt Issuance Costs
 (Income) Loss in Limited Liability Company
 Distributions from LLC Investment
 Income from Patronage Sources
 Redemption of Broadband Tax Credits
 Provision for Postretirement Benefits
 Changes in Assets and Liabilities:
 Due from Customers
 Other Accounts Receivable
 Inventory for Resale
 Prepaid Expenses
 Accounts Payable
 Accrued Expenses
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

Additions to Property, Plant and Equipment
Salvage, Net of Cost of Removal
(Increase) Decrease in Materials and Supplies
Prefunded Pension Deposit
Purchase of Certificates of Deposit
Sale of Certificates of Deposit
Sales of Other Investments
Redemption of Broadband Tax Credits
Collection of Note Receivable
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Increase in Customer Deposits
Principal Payments of Long-Term Debt
Retirement of Patronage Capital
Retirement of Other Equity - Scholarship Fund
Change in Memberships
Net Cash Used In Financing Activities

NET CHANGE IN CASH

CASH at Beginning of Year

CASH at End of Year

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOWS INFORMATION:

Cash Paid for:
 Interest
 Income Taxes
Change in Other Equity from Decrease in Accrued Expenses

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